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6 August 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman  
Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for sending along the revised pages for the "Estimate of the Capability of the USSR to Conduct Sabotage and Otherwise Disrupt Internal United States Activities." They have been forwarded to those who are responsible for putting together our basic estimate.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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July 30, 1952

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General Walter Bedell Smith  
Chairman  
Intelligence Advisory Committee  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

In connection with the preparation of the draft evaluation of the "Project to Provide a More Adequate Basis for Planning for the Security of the United States,"

25X1 [redacted] of your office has requested advice as to whether the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference paper dated October 10, 1951, entitled, "Estimate of the Capability of the USSR to Conduct Sabotage and Otherwise Disrupt Internal United States Activities," is valid as written for (a) the end of 1952, or for (b) mid-1953.

I wish to advise you that certain changes have been made in the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference paper which now make it valid both as to (a) the end of 1952 and (b) mid-1953. These changes have been incorporated into the attached pages which may be inserted into the original version of the IIC paper, replacing those pages which have been brought up to date. Attention is invited to the fact that the statistics quoted as to the number of active Communist Party members and other subversives will change from time to time. However, as the original paper pointed out, "The question of numbers, of course, is not necessarily decisive in estimating the sabotage capabilities of the Communist movement as a whole. One man with the right material, in the right place, with the technical 'know how,' can do tremendous damage."

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference

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